

Senate Resolution 457

By: Senator Hill of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing cultural, economic, and educational cooperation with the Federal Republic of
2 Germany; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there is a bond of friendship between the citizens of Georgia and Germany, and
4 the people of Georgia welcome opportunities to grow our already deep relationship at all
5 levels, including cultural, academic, and business; and

6 WHEREAS, Atlanta and all of Georgia are honored to serve as the home of the consulate of
7 the Federal Republic of Germany; and

8 WHEREAS, Delta Air Lines and Lufthansa offer nonstop flights between Georgia and
9 Germany; and

10 WHEREAS, sister city relationships exist between Atlanta and Nuremberg, Bayern, and
11 Marietta and Linz am Rhein, Rheinland – Pfalz; and

12 WHEREAS, Georgia is proud that over 350 German companies have operations in Georgia;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, many Georgia colleges and universities also have ties with Germany, among
15 them the University of Georgia, Emory University, the Georgia Institute of Technology,
16 Georgia Southern University, and Georgia State University; and

17 WHEREAS, Germany is a top destination for Georgia exports, with top exports including
18 transportation equipment, miscellaneous manufactured commodities, nonelectrical
19 machinery, computer and electronic products, and chemicals; and

20 WHEREAS, top imports from Germany include industrial machinery, vehicles, optical and
21 medical products and surgical instruments, electric machinery, and pharmaceutical products;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Georgia is proud to be home to the German American Chamber of Commerce
24 of the Southern United States, the Goethe-Zentrum German Cultural Center, the German
25 School of Atlanta, and the German Church Atlanta; and

26 WHEREAS, Georgia is proud to be home to several honored German-American friendship
27 organizations, including Business Stammtisch, Kaffeeklatsch, Atlanta Saengerkreis,
28 Deutscher Freundschaftsclub, The German Wine Society, German-American Club, Klub
29 Heimatland, German Heritage Society, and the German Friendly Society of Savannah; and

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 hereby recognize the special friendship between Georgia and the Federal Republic of
32 Germany and express our appreciation to His Excellency Lutz Gorgens, the Consul General
33 of the Federal Republic of Germany, for his efforts to promote peace and grow commercial,
34 cultural, and educational ties between our two nations.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to His Excellency Lutz Gorgens.